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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE PRESIDENT**

SUBJECT: Intelligence Required for Counterinsurgency

1. The intelligence community has reviewed the attachment to your letter of 30 April 1962 concerning intelligence required for counterinsurgency. We believe that the following measures are those most likely to orient our efforts to provide the needed intelligence:

John F. Kennedy

a. I have directed that the appropriate authorities in the intelligence community responsible for drafting National Intelligence Estimates and for producing current intelligence take cognizance of the Essential Elements of Information required for counterinsurgency and see that as many of these elements are answered as may be feasible in the course of production of National Intelligence Estimates and current intelligence.

b. Most of the basic non-estimative questions posed in the EEIs are addressed in various sections of the National Intelligence Survey, notably Section 57, which deals with subversion. I have directed the Office of Basic Intelligence, CIA, to review the outline, content, and schedule for Section 57 and other pertinent sections to see that the NIS will be as responsive as possible to the EEIs and that appropriate priority may be given to sections pertaining to the countries listed by General Krulak.

c. I have also asked the intelligence authorities of the Department of State and Department of Defense to bring the Essential Elements of Information to the attention of U. S.

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diplomatic and consular posts and military commands overseas so that they may appreciate the overall pattern of our interest in developing counterinsurgency intelligence and may add to their existing requirements those not already listed among them.

d. CIA will also take action where appropriate to collect such additional information as may be required in support of the EEIs.

2. Although the measures outlined above should provide the answers to nearly all of the EEIs, I am sure that as time goes by additional EEIs will be developed, and the intelligence community will develop new assets and procedures for providing the required answers. In such a situation it is important that there be a close day-to-day working relationship between the intelligence community and action officials concerned with counterinsurgency. The intelligence community will be prepared to do what is proper and feasible in the establishment of such a working relationship.

3. We also feel that intelligence designed specifically for counterinsurgency situations would be more meaningful if viewed in the broader context of problems covered by standard current intelligence publications and National Intelligence Estimates.

(Signed) JOHN A. McCONE

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